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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1246

By: Representatives Vaught, Hawk, L. Johnson, Maddox

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF BENEFITS PAID TO SURVIVORS OF DECEASED MEMBERS, FORMER MEMBERS, AND RETIRANTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF BENEFITS PAID TO SURVIVORS OF DECEASED MEMBERS, FORMER MEMBERS, AND RETIRANTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 8, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

*24-8-229. Payment of benefits – Survivors – Definition.*

*(a) The effective date of monthly benefits payable to a survivor of a deceased member or a survivor of a deceased retiree under § 24-8-218 and § 24-8-219 is the first day of the calendar month next following the month in which the member or retiree died, regardless of when the survivor submits an application for the payment of the benefits.*

*SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 8, Subchapter 7, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

*24-8-718. Payment of benefits – Survivors – Definition.*

*(a) The effective date of monthly benefits payable to a survivor of a*



deceased member or a survivor of a deceased retiree under the Tier Two Actual Judicial Service Benefit Plan is the first day of the calendar month next following the month in which the member died, regardless of when the survivor submits an application for the payment of the benefits.

/s/Vaught

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